

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1519

Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Beth Gaines, Harkey, Jones,
Morrell, and Wilk)
(Coauthors: Senators Fuller, Gaines, and Nielsen)

January 16, 2014

An act to amend Section 4225 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forestry and fire protection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1519, as introduced, Donnelly. State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees.

Existing law requires the state to have the primary financial responsibility for preventing and suppressing fires in areas that the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has determined are state responsibility areas, as defined. Existing law requires the State Board of Equalization to collect a fire prevention fee not to exceed \$150 to be charged on each structure on a parcel that is within a state responsibility area. Existing law specifies that the fire prevention fee determined to be due by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is due and payable at the time it becomes final, and imposes a specified civil penalty for each 30-day period during which the fee remains unpaid.

This bill would eliminate the specified civil penalty imposed for unpaid fire prevention fees.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4225 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:
3 4225. The fire prevention fee determined to be due by the
4 department under this article is due and payable at the time it
5 becomes ~~final, and if it is not paid when due and payable,~~
6 ~~notwithstanding the penalty imposed pursuant to Section 55042~~
7 ~~of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a penalty of 20 percent of the~~
8 ~~fee determined to be due shall be added to the amount due and~~
9 ~~payable for each 30-day period in which the fee remains unpaid~~
10 ~~final.~~

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